Non-Completion of Research Project

*274. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to stale:

(a) whether out of 44 in-housc research projects of Central Institute of Fisheries Education. Mumbai, during a period of five years from 1st April. 1995 to *3*1st March. 2000. only 12 projects could be completed.

(b) if so. what arc the reasons for their non-completion; and

(c) the details of rcincdial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE). Mumbai has successfully completed 12 projects out of 44 in-housc projects and their achievements arc available in various reports The research and teaching programmes of CIFE were prioritized and some of the projects with related objectives were rc-grouped with a view to pooling the resources and avoid duplication. Rest of the projects are in operation. The in-housc research projects arc not time-bound but arc regularly ro icwcd by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Staff Research Council (SRC) and based on their recommendations the research projects arc re-oricnlcd.

Comparative Literacy Rate

* 275 SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the male literacy rate in a small country like Sri Lanka is 93 per cent, the female literacy rale is 87 per cent and Bangladesh also has achieved considerable progress in literacy.

(b) if so. what arc the comparative figures of literacy rale in India. Sri Lanka and Bangladesh; and

(c) what steps arc being taken to increase literacy rate among males and females, especially when the theme of family planning lies on the literacy of women ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per the UNESCO 1999 Statistical Year Book, the male and female literacy rate in Sri Lanka is 94.5 per cent and 88.9 per cent respectively. In Bangladesh, the male literacy rate is 51.7 per cent and the female literacy rate is 29.5 per cent.